Title: Need to extend Virudunagar-Rajapalayam broad-gauge project up to Sengotta ,Tamilnadu - Laid.

SHRI S. MURUGESAN (TENKASI) : Approval of gauge conversion of Virudunagar, Quilon line is a welcome step. It will not only link Kerala with Tamil Nadu but also pave way for development of this backward area. In the current financial year, work regarding gauge conversion of Virudunagar − Rajapalayam has been sanctioned. Sengotta is just 50 kms away from Rajapalayam Courtallam, the famous falls and tourist centre is located 2 kms. From Sengotta. Thousands of tourists visit Courtallam every year. But due to lack of adequate rail facilities, people from other parts of the country find it very difficult to reach there. I, therefore, request that broad gauge project from Virudunagar − Rajapalayam should be extended upto Sengotta. This project will hasten development of the area by harnessing potential and also to provide employment opportunities to thousands of persons.